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3. Copy of Request to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment dated June 30, 2003 (2 pages);
4. Copy of Declaration dated 6/30/03 (2 pages);
5. Copy of copy of postcard filed on January 29, 2003;
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7. Copy of Transmittal Form filed on January 29, 2003; and
8. Copy of Response to Restriction Requirement filed on January 29, 2003.

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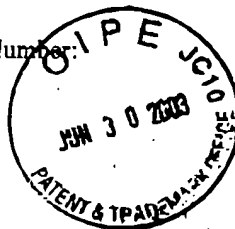
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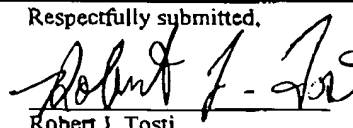
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Request To Withdraw Holding Of Abandonment

Sir:

Applicant submits this request in response to the receipt of a Notice of Abandonment mailed on June 4, 2003.

Contrary to what is indicated in the Notice of Abandonment, Applicant timely filed, by First Class Mail on January 29, 2003, a proper reply to the Restriction Requirement of December 31, 2002. Proof of the timeliness of the filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.8 is attached to this Request and includes the following:

- Copies of papers filed via First Class Mail on January 29, 2003, including, Transmittal form, Certificate of First Class Mailing, Return Receipt Postcard, and the Response to Restriction Requirement
- A Copy of the above postcard returned with a stamp by the Mail Room of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office with a date of February 5, 2003.
- A signed statement attesting to the mailing of the above mentioned papers.

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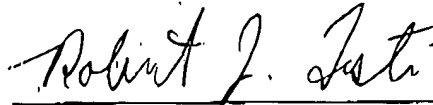
In view of these submissions, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the holding of abandonment, reinstatement of the application, and consideration of the Response to Restriction Requirement filed on January 29, 2003. If necessary, the office is authorized to treat this request as a petition to withdraw the abandonment holding pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.181(a) and 1.8.

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